

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

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**Citations Affected:** Article 15, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Holdover offices. Requires the general assembly to specify how a vacant office is filled rather than entitling an officer whose term has expired to continue to hold the office until a successor is elected and qualified. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 8, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment. February 1, 2001, reported — Do Pass.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 15, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning state officers.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.

SECTION 2. ARTICLE 15, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 3. Whenever it is provided in this Constitution, or in any law which may be hereafter passed, that (a) Any officer, other than a member of the General Assembly, shall hold his office for any given the term the same shall be construed to mean, that such officer shall hold his office for such term, and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. provided in this Constitution or specified by law.

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- 1 **(b)** If no successor is elected and qualified on the date an officer's term ends, the office is considered vacant, and the General
- 3 Assembly shall specify how the office shall be filled.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Joint Resolution 4, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

KROMKOWSKI, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 14, nays 0.

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